

Air Force leaders release new mission statement

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## Try this

Harlem Globetrotters Herbert "Flight Time" Lang passes a spinning basketball to Katelyn Roden's fingertip during Monday night's performance in the Praia High School gym. The Globetrotters stopped at Lajes Field as part of their tour to overseas military bases. See story on page 9. (Photo by Senior Airman Jacob McCarthy)



# COMMENTARY

## USAFE leaders send holiday message

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** – *The following is a joint message from Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Gen. William T. Hobbins and USAFE Command Chief Master Sergeant Gary G. Coleman.*

"With the holiday season upon us, Chief Coleman and I would like to express our sincere thanks to each Airman, family member and civilian employee within this command for your hard work, dedication and selfless sacrifice.

"Take time to remember our brave Airmen deployed throughout the world in support of the global war on terrorism. Their numbers are significant. At this moment there are more than 2,300 USAFE Airmen deployed in that fight.

"And don't forget to care for the needs of their family members who remain at home station this holiday season. Their sacrifices seldom receive the level of attention as servicemembers engaged against an enemy before eyes of worldwide media, but their sacrifice is significant and should never be forgotten.

"We are proud of each of you and feel privileged to be a part of this great command. We wish you happy holidays and a great New Year."



Project SMART promotes the "Safety Culture" with a spin on "Doing it Smart." Focus on personal risk management. Mishaps, accidents and personal injuries impact our ability to do the AF mission. USAFE can lead the way by ensuring our people are aware of existing safety programs, and that "Safety" is given the highest priority in work and personal lives

## Commander's Line

### Question

I recently became a victim of identity theft. I know the importance of safeguarding account information and bank and credit card statements. One thing I noticed was here though, all the services facilities on base print your entire credit card number and expiration date on the receipt. Most companies X out the majority of the number and only leave 4 digits. In this day and age of identity theft and fraud, isn't the 65<sup>th</sup> Services Squadron doing Lajes a disservice by printing full credit card numbers? Now when I go to the Ocean View Grill, Bowling alley, and Outdoor rec. I make it a point to go to the ATM first. Is there anything that can be done to change this? If nothing else, the base community needs to know their entire debit or credit card

information is being printed on receipts that come from services facilities here.

### Answer

Thank you for bringing this very important issue to light. As you pointed out the entire credit card number and expiration date are currently being printed on the charge slips at all of our Services facilities. Headquarter USAFE Services has been working this issue with our bank since early this year. They have identified required software and hardware to mask the first 12 digits of the credit card number on the charge slips. They are currently looking for a source to make a mass buy for the command and anticipate this purchase and distribution to be finalized within the next couple of months. As soon as the new equipment arrives Services will make installation a top priority. In the mean time I encourage all

customers to safeguard the information on the charge slips copies when they receive them back at our Services facilities. I assure you the copy kept by Services is protected under the rules pertaining to Privacy Act Information. Thank you for your continued patronage in our Services facilities.

**Col. Robert Winston**  
**65th Air Base Wing**  
**commander**

*The Commander's Line is your direct link to me for suggestions, kudos and as a way to work problems or issues within the 65th Air Base Wing for which you can't find another solution.*

*Your chain of command should always be your first option -- but when that's not the answer, call or e-mail the CC Line at [actionline@lajes.af.mil](mailto:actionline@lajes.af.mil) or 535-4240.*



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# PERSPECTIVE



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To the Airmen of the United States Air Force,


Almost 60 years ago the President and Congress created our Air Force. The world we live in today has changed dramatically over those six decades. Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting, and filled with a wide range of challenges. Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise. Therefore, we have rewritten the Air Force's mission statement to define where and what we do...

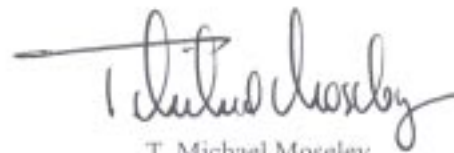
*The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options  
for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests  
– to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.*

Our task is to provide the President, the Combatant Commanders, and our Nation with an array of options...options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses. With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world. This is the meaning of sovereign options and the essence of being a superpower. We will be the best at what we do, and we will accomplish our mission as part of a joint, coalition team.

Our adversaries will contest us across all of the domains: Land, Sea, Air, Space, and Cyberspace. As Airmen, it is our calling to dominate Air, Space, and Cyberspace. If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts. If our enemies underestimate our resolve; then we will fly, fight, and destroy them.

The pioneers of airpower – Billy Mitchell, Hap Arnold, Curtis LeMay, Bennie Schriever – knew what their mission was: to fly and fight wherever our Nation calls. The Air Force's mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do. Our heritage has given us a limitless horizon. Just as our predecessors did in the past, we will continue to fly, to fight, and to win wherever we are called. We are the greatest Air Force in the world, because of you...because of your sacrifice, dedication, and skill. Keep up the great work!

  
Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force

  
T. Michael Moseley  
General, USAF  
Chief of Staff

## Good to know

### New postage rates

Effective Jan. 8, the U.S. Postal Service will increase most postal rates and fees by approximately 5.4 percent. This price increase is the first since 2002. Among the adjustments, the single-piece rate for First-Class mail will increase from 37 cents to 39 cents, and the postcard rate will increase by one cent, to 24 cents. New rate and fee tables are available Online at [usps.com/ratecase](http://usps.com/ratecase).

### New shoppette hours

The shoppette now opens at 7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. This is a customer convenience based on customer requests and will allow customers to shop on their way to work. This extension of operating hours will remain for a minimum of three months. As long as sales warrant, the extended hours will remain.

### DTS comes to Lajes

Defense Travel System is the newest system being implemented at Lajes Field. It is a web-based travel system in which the traveler and the squadrons will have control over the voucher and orders. Instead of going to finance, it can be done right from the individuals computer. It will be an improved process to the current system.

The system will require users to have a Common Access Card and a valid personal identification number. PINs can be reset at the military personnel flight

The new system should be online early February. More information will be available in future issues.

### Flu shots

Flu shots are now available for dependents. Walk-in appointments are available at the clinic from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except noon to 1 p.m.

### Crossroads

The next issue of the Crossroads will be published Jan. 6. The staff would like to wish readers a safe and happy holiday. Please e-mail submissions to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil).

# Air Force releases new mission statement

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON (AFP) — The realities of the world have changed dramatically since the creation of the Air Force in 1947 and continue to change almost daily.

With these changes in mind, Air Force leaders released a new mission statement Dec. 7 that defines the current and future direction of the Air Force.

"Today, our world is fast paced, constantly shifting and filled with a wide range of challenges," Secretary of the Air Force Michael W. Wynne and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley wrote in a joint Letter to Airmen. "Our mission is our guiding compass, and now more than ever we need it to be clear and precise."

The mission statement defines the "where and what" the Air Force accomplishes on a daily basis:

The mission of the United States Air Force is to deliver sovereign options for the defense of the United States of America and its global interests — to fly and fight in Air, Space, and Cyberspace.

The statement includes two new concepts, "sovereign options" and "cyberspace," which the secretary and chief defined.

They said having sovereign options is the essence of being a superpower.

"Our task is to provide the president, the combatant commanders, and our na-

tion with an array of options ... options that are not limited by the tyranny of distance, the urgency of time, or the strength of our enemy's defenses," they said. "With one hand the Air Force can deliver humanitarian assistance to the farthest reaches of the globe, while with the other hand we can destroy a target anywhere in the world."

The term cyberspace includes network security, data transmission and the sharing of information.

"We have quite a few of our Airmen dedicated to cyberspace ... from security awareness, making sure the networks can't be penetrated, as well as figuring out countermeasures," Secretary Wynne said. "The Air Force is a natural leader in the cyber world and we thought it would be best to recognize that talent."

Adversaries of the United States will use any method or venue necessary to contest America, and it is an Airman's calling to dominate air, space and cyberspace, the leaders said.

"If we can decisively and consistently control these commons, then we will deter countless conflicts," they said. "If our enemies underestimate our resolve, then we will fly, fight, and destroy them."

Using past air power pioneers as examples of understanding the mission, they said, "The Air Force's mission statement has evolved over time, but it does not change the nature of who we are or what we do."

## Project SMART: Holiday Safety Tips

### Decorations

The placement of a tree (real or artificial) inside the room is very important. Don't block exits or put too close to radiator. Keep a live tree fresh.

Water it regularly to avoid fire hazards. Secure the tree from tipping over. Keep away from whatever traffic is in the room. Do not use metal step ladders when hanging lights! Decorate the tree safely; keep the breakable ornaments away from children. Avoid extension cords plugged into each other (daisy-chained) and electric lights on the metal Christmas tree!

### Candles

Never use lighted candles near trees, boughs, curtains/drapes, or with any potentially flammable item.



### Toys and Gifts

Be especially careful when choosing toys for infants or small children. Be sure anything given to them is too big to get caught in the throat, nose or ears. Avoid toys with small parts that can be pulled or broken off. If you are giving toys to several children in one family, consider their age differences and the chances that younger children will want to play with older kids' toys.

### Seasonal Stress

Time constraints, crowds, traffic, the list goes on. The Holidays are supposed to be a time for fun with family, but they all too often end up in stress. Allow enough time to shop. Plan ahead and accept that there may be waiting periods in traffic and stores.

-Courtesy of the 65th ABW Safety Office





## BX Midnight Madness sale today

By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs

Lajes shoppers still finishing their holiday shopping can find specials at AAFES next Midnight Madness Sale.

Specials will be available at both the Ocean View BX and the Flight View BX today from 8:30 p.m. to midnight during their second midnight madness sale of the holiday season.

In addition to sale items, prize drawings will be held every half hour for customers. Prizes include AAFES gift cards and merchandise from both stores.

Customers can also save up to 50 percent on various merchandise during the late-night sale.

Sale items include electronics like televisions and portable CD players to furniture items and lawnmowers at the Flight View BX and houseware items and storage containers at the Ocean View BX.

As in the past, AAFES will provide outdoor entertainment for children and food provided by Burger King, weather permitting. Customers will also have the opportunity to register to purchase one of 24 new Xbox 360s that have just arrived on the island.

"Our AAFES management team and associates are very excited to offer another late-night sale to our customers. We encourage our shoppers to come take advantage of the great deals we have to offer," said Stephanie Burns, general manager.



## Desert Days

**BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq** — Tech. Sgt. Brett Brown, 732nd Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Add on Amor Shop, prepares air conditioning hoses prior to installation on an AM General M920 truck. He is assigned to the 65th Logistics Squadron here. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Chad Watkins)

## Meet the Gate Guards

*Note: The Crossroads will periodically feature Portuguese Air Force gate guards, similar to the Everyday Hero column, to spotlight the men and women who greet Lajes personnel at the gates, and help ensure the safety of Lajes Field.*

**Name/Nome:** Adolfo Miguel Sousa Lopes

**Rank/Posto:** 1CAB/PA (equivalent to Airman 1st Class)

**Hometown/Cidade natal:** Massarelos-Porto

**Time in the Air Force/Tempo de serviço na Força Aérea:** 4 anos e 3 meses (four years and three months)

**Time at Lajes Field/Tempo que está na Base das Lajes:** 3 anos e 8 meses (three years and eight months)

**What's the best aspect of your job/Qual é a melhor parte do seu serviço?:** Relação com muitas pessoas (get to know many people)

**What are your career goals/Quais são os objectivos na sua carreira?:** Ganhar conhecimentos (to acquire more knowledge)

**Life goal(s)/ Objectivos da vida:** Garantir um futuro estável (to secure a stable future life)

**One word to describe you/ Descreva-se a si próprio numa palavra:** Calmo (calm)

**Hobbies/Passatempos favorito:** Jogar colectivos e viajar (to collect cards and travel)

**Favorite food(s)/Comida favorita:** Tripas à moda do Porto (intestines - a dish from his hometown)

**Favorite color/Cor favorita:** Verde (green)

**When I was growing up, I wanted to be/Quando era jovem queria ser:** Piloto de Automóveis (race car driver)

**The first thing I would do if I won \$1,000,000 is/A primeira coisa que faria se ganhasse um**

**milhão de euros seria:** Ajudar os meus pais e viajar (to help my parents and travel)

**Adolfo Miguel Sousa Lopes**



Photo by Guido Melo



## Pit stop



*Left: L to R: Jules and Lt. Col. James MacFarlane, 729th Air Mobility Squadron commander, Kim and Col. Robert Winston, 65th Air Base Wing commander, greet Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Mobility Command commander during his visit. General McNabb stopped at Lajes to refuel.*

*Above: During his stop here, General McNabb addressed some members of the 729th AMS.*

*The 729th AMS is tenant unit assigned to AMC. AMC's mission is to provide rapid, global mobility and sustainment for America's armed forces. The men and women of AMC provide airlift, aerial refueling, special air mission and aeromedical evacuation for all of America's armed forces. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Tabitha Larson)*

## 65th SFS Police Blotter Dec. 6 - Dec. 13

### Dec. 6

Location: Lajes

Complainant contacted the security forces squadron to report the hood ornament off of his Ford Mustang was stolen.

### Dec. 10

Location: T-130/Dormitory Housing

Complainant telephoned SFS to report his military identification card, local driver's license and state driver's license was stolen by unknown person(s). Complainant stated that after a squadron party he went to his room, put his wallet and camera on his ironing board and went downstairs to talk with friends, leaving his door unlocked. He returned to his room to find his military ID card, local driver's license and state driver's license was stolen.

### Dec. 11

Location: On base

Complainant contacted SFS stating he lost his government issued Common Access Card in the vicinity of a taxi service. At approximately 2:30 a.m. he was traveling through Gate-1 in a taxi and

was dropped off in the parking lot near T-130 and T-131. At about 11:30 a.m. he went to the cashier's cage and when asked for his identification, he noticed it was gone, which was about 1:30 a.m. The last time he saw the card was when he used it to enter the installation.

Location: T-126/Family Support Center parking lot

Complainant came in contact with SFS and reported damage to his 2005 Chevrolet truck which was parked in the lot adjacent to the family support center. He stated that at 10 p.m. he arrived in the parking lot of the above location. At the time he left the vehicle there was no damage done to the truck. Later that evening he was notified by a friend of the damage. He stated the damage to the vehicle consists of a large dent with elongated white scratches throughout. The taillight and mud-flaps also have white scratches.

### Dec. 12

Location: Porto Martins

Complainant contacted SFS via 911 emergency line stating that someone unlawfully entered his residence. The Praia

Police department was contacted by an interpreter who reported to the residence to assist personnel in conducting a report. The Praia Police arrived on scene and took control of the situation.

Location: Porto Martins

Complainant reported to SFS that her residence had been broken into. She stated that at approximately 3:30 a.m. they heard noises coming from within the residence. Her husband had gotten up to investigate. Upon further investigation he found no one within the house and that her purse and his wallet had been tossed across the table but only the money had been taken. The estimate amount of money was \$200 dollars and 200 euros. Complainant further stated that the following items had been stolen: Panasonic digital video camcorder, Polaroid seven-inch portable DVD player with car kit and carry bag and rechargeable battery. Two cell phone chargers, Motorola wall outlet charger and a variety of Samsung cell phones. 307 CD carrying case and 307

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# FEATURE

## *Project SMART: Two programs offer alternative to drinking and driving*

### *LADD Program offers rides home from off-base locations*

**By Staff Sgt. Christin Michaud  
65th ABW Public Affairs**

In an effort to offer people who have had too much to drink off base a safe way out, the Lajes Against Drunk Driving Program was established.

The LADD program doesn't have a set schedule. It's available anytime to offer someone who has had too much to drink off base, a safe trip home.

Personnel are on standby with the cell phone one week at a time (Monday – Sunday), explained program point of contact, Tech. Sgt. Bill Rathbun.

Under the LADD program, anyone who needs a ride can call 964-955-992 to be taken home.

When an individual calls, they explain to the driver the location to be picked up, how many personnel, and where they need to be dropped off at.

"There is no limit as to where they can be picked up but they must be transported to their residence," said Sergeant Rathbun. "They will not be transported to another club or party."

The program works through volunteerism. Each volunteer will carry the cell phone for a one-week period and be on standby in the event there is a call.

Volunteers don't have to remain in any one place while on call, they just need to be able to pick up and transport a passenger when they get a call.

Currently volunteers use their own vehicles to pick up individuals and take them home.

"This is an alternate plan program when your primary plan falls through," stressed Sergeant Rathbun. "You can't call and schedule a pickup for a party that's going to happen on the weekend."

For more information on the LADD program, to volunteer or make donation, call Sergeant Rathbun at 535-3304. For a safe ride home call the LADD cell phone at 964-955-992.

### *Anti-DUI Van – a ride home from the club*

**Master Sgt. Julian Kaelin  
65th Contracting Squadron**

One of the programs here on base helps save lives.

The Anti-DUI van program allows those living or staying on base to take advantage of a free ride home from the Top of the Rock Club to Nascier Do Sol and Lower T housing, Beira Mar housing, Santa Rita Hill Circle, and even the dorms or billeting.

The van runs every Thursday through Friday from 11 p.m. until the club closes.

There are two volunteer drivers per shift.

Drivers can be identified by a badge they wear and can be found walking throughout the club. In addition, the DJ and the club's night manager make periodic Anti-DUI van announcements to include a final call before the club closes.

As with the any Anti-DUI program, the goal is to ensure that everyone makes it home safe after a night of relaxing without putting their careers, families or others at risk.

In a sense, the program offers Lajes personnel an extra Wingman for the night. Does the van get used? Yes, just

last month 65th Operations Support Squadron drivers took home 68 passengers averaging more than 5 people per shift, inline with the annual average of five passengers per shift.

The program would not succeed without the hundreds of volunteers that step up to drive each month.

Individuals from organizations from squadrons to the Rising VI step up and act as the point of contact for a given month where they solicit volunteers from their respective organizations to fill out the drivers schedule as well as track the number of saves for that particular month.

The program is still in need for volunteers to help in 2006. January, March and August have been filled by the 65th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 729th Air Mobility Squadron and 65th Services Squadron.

This leaves nine months remaining and plenty of opportunities for those who wish to make a difference. The club gives \$5 in club bucks to all drivers at the end of their shift, and designated drivers receive free nonalcoholic beverages during their shift. For information or to volunteer, call Master Sgt. Julian Kaelin at 535-1407 or e-mail [julian.kaelin@lajes.af.mil](mailto:julian.kaelin@lajes.af.mil).

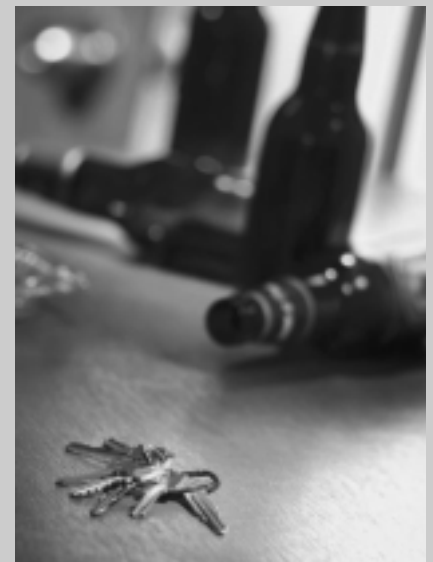
### **How to Spot a Drunk Driver**

The LADD Program and the Lajes Wing Safety Office remind you that December is *National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month*. Watch out for these signs of possible drunk driving:

- \*Excessive or very slow speeds
- \*Swerving or straddling the center line
- \*Ignoring traffic signals or signs
- \*Driving in the dark with headlights off

If you see any of these signs, maintain a safe following distance or clear the way for the vehicle. In all cases, notify the local police as soon as possible.

*-Courtesy of the 65th ABW Safety Office*



*Courtesy photo*

## Base leadership taking action against crime

By Col. Dan Leonard  
65th ABW vice commander

*This is the second article in a two-part series.*

Recently an officer contacted me about his upcoming assignment to Lajes Field. The very first question he asked about Lajes was about the crime trend. He said, "I have heard crime is really bad at Lajes and I'm considering whether I want to go there or bring my family."

This tells me two things. First, the word is getting out that we have a lot of petty crime here. Second, the perception of crime at Lajes is a key factor in a military member's decision to bring their families here.

As you probably know, Team Lajes members can choose to bring their families to Lajes. An increasing number of people are choosing to come unaccompanied. Already 50 percent of our people are unaccompanied. This means they leave their families in America and come here for 15 months. Many of these are single members too.

Members that come with their families serve a 24-month tour. In general, I believe members serving a longer tour are likely to become more engaged in the local community, patronizing restaurants, shops and entertainment events. We know members that bring their families contribute more to the local economy.

Lajes leadership takes the crime trend very seriously. Even though many of these crimes are classified as petty

crimes, when it happens to you, it does not seem petty. The impact of having someone invade your personal space and take your things goes beyond the value of the property itself.

So what are we doing about it?

On base, we have increased patrols in both our housing areas and work areas. We have increased emphasis on building security and proper lock-up procedures. We are finishing the perimeter fence around on-base housing. Our joint security forces have taken measures to increase their visibility and presence. We have engaged with the Portuguese Air Force for their support and they are assisting in this joint effort. The Portuguese Air Force will soon begin issuing identification cards which will be made mandatory for any Portuguese national working in our housing area.

For our off base residents, we are engaging with the local government and the Portuguese national police asking for increased efforts to protect Americans. We work these efforts through the Portuguese Air Force. We also plan to engage with the landlords, asking them to step up their efforts to protect their American tenants.

We cannot provide direct security for off-base residents. Neither the U.S. nor Portuguese Air Force security forces have jurisdiction off base.

We have stepped up education efforts to encourage Americans to improve their security practices. This article is part of that effort.

We are emphasizing the economic

impact of having Americans and American families in the Azores. For instance, each year American families contribute over \$7 million in "indirect" jobs for local residents. These are the nannies, housecleaners, car washers and gardeners who generally live immediately adjacent to the base.

Americans who live off base contribute over \$2.6 million in rent and \$1.3 million in utility payments annually to the local economy. We estimate the total impact of Lajes' payroll as \$34 million on the local community. This does not include the \$47 million annually in construction and services contracts that also supports the local economy. Obviously we believe we can and should rally support from local businesses to help protect the Americans who contribute so much to this economy.

We are considering all options. We can force all military members to live on base if the crime trend continues, as this is a force protection issue. We can also change Lajes to a mandatory unaccompanied tour, so no families would come to Lajes. We are trying hard to avoid doing either of these options because we cherish our position in the community and the strong bonds we have developed with our host Portuguese people.

In summary, we are taking action. We cannot let these trends continue. We need you to do your part and increase your personal security practices.

### **BLOTTER** *Continued from page 6*

CDs. Total value for all items missing \$6219. Complainant further stated that the home was left secured before they went to bed.

Location: Porto Martins

Complainant telephoned SFS to report her residence had been entered by unknown individual(s). Complainant stated that at approximately 5 a.m. their guard dog had started to bark. Complainant's husband got up to investigate and found that his wife's makeup bag had been moved from the kitchen table and was found in the drive way as they were pulling out. Complainant further

stated there were no signs of forced entry and that a full inventory had been accomplished and nothing else had been taken.

Location: T-695/Dormitory/Beira Mar/Lower-T Housing

Complainant contacted SFS to report diesel fuel was suspected to be stolen by unknown persons. He stated that the fuel is believed to have been siphoned from a vent cap in the generator. He stated that the tank was 1/4 full and required the addition of approximately 150 gallons. According to a logged entry, the tank had been filled earlier that

week and should not have been in need of fuel. Complainant also relayed the tank was reported as 7/8 full the night before.

#### **Dec. 13**

Location: Sao Bras

Complainant telephoned the SFS to report unknown person(s) had entered her residence. Praia Police was dispatched to scene. She stated that her nanny informed her that when she arrived, a set of keys was left in the door and her children's back pack, her purse and her husband's wallet were outside. Complainant noticed her wallet and

contents were missing, her common access card was among the contents. Also missing was a Samsung cell phone, \$60 and 20 euros.

Location: Praia Da Vitoria

Complainant telephoned the SFS to report unknown person(s) had entered her residence. Praia Police was dispatched to scene. Complainant reported that her white chain had been broken and the garage was entered and several boxes were moved around. She further stated that an inventory of her household goods had been inventoried and nothing else was missing.





## Harlem Globetrotters visit Terceira, troops

By 1st Lt. Mike Hyland  
65th ABW Public Affairs

The Harlem Globetrotters put on a show for Lajes Field members and the local Portuguese community Monday at the high school gymnasium in Praia Da Vitoria.

The Globetrotters visited Lajes as part of a tour of several military bases in Southwest Asia and Europe in December. This holiday season tour marks the third time the team has visited military bases overseas.

"It feels great playing for the troops overseas," said Globetrotter Kris "Hi-Lite" Bruton. "We're playing for home and representing America."

"There's nothing more important than supporting our military community, giving them a well-needed break, some good laughs and good memories," said Globetrotters Chairman and CEO Mannie Jackson. "We are honored to be invited back to bring one of America's favorite pastimes to those troops stationed overseas."

The game featured the Globetrotters playing the New York Nationals, but the basketball took a backseat to

the on-court hijinks. Paul "Showtime" Gaffney led most of the pranks, which included spraying the crowd with water, equipping a National's player with an audience member's purse and passing the ball to the referee numerous times. Globetrotter's players also pulled members out of the audience on the court for several pranks.

"You never want to be the butt of the joke, but you know it's all in good fun so you march on," said Lajes Field member John Roden.

Gaffney grabbed Roden for a dance in the second half. After a few moves, "Showtime" gave him a little more than he bargained for.

"How many times are you going to get the chance to get kissed by a Globetrotter?" Roden said.

The Globetrotters have played for more than 121 million fans in 117 countries during their 80-year history. In 2002, the organization was the fifth team to be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, followed by an induction into the Black Sports and Entertainment Hall of Fame and the World Humanitarian Hall of Fame.



*The Harlem Globetrotters basketball team performed for more than 900 attendees in Praia's high school gym Monday. The evening included a game against the New York Nationals and several interactions with audience members. The Harlem Globetrotters are a comic basketball team that combines athleticism and comedy to create one of the best-known sports franchises in the world. Created by Abe Saperstein in 1927 in the United States, over the years they have toured more than 100 countries putting on exhibition games, mostly against hopeless opposition like the Washington Generals and the New York Nationals and have played more than 20,000 games. (Photos by Airman 1st Class Tabitha Larson)*



## ARMCHAIR QUARTERBACK CHALLENGE

Each week during football season, the *Crossroads* publishes a list of the National Football League games of the week for Team Lajes to predict. The person with the most correct picks will win free movie passes (admit two), \$3 off any Burger King purchase and a "rent-one-get-one free" at the Shoppette donated by AAFES.

The number one-ranked Armchair Q.B. each week will get his or her name and photo published in the *Crossroads* and we'll also print any smack talk the winner chooses to submit. Congratulations to Ron Trembath who missed three, but captured the title for the second time this season during the tiebreaker -- where he picked the exact points for Monday night's game. A Rathbun holds the title for the "You Don't Know Jack." This week it was Mariah. I guess if you can't win, you at least get your name in the paper this way. If you're going to lose, you might as well lose big.

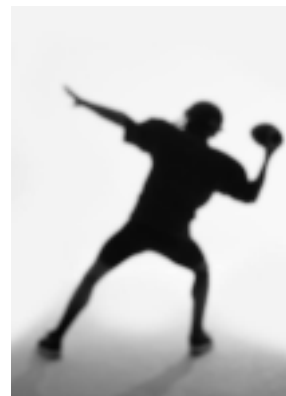
Players can bring picks to the Public Affairs office in room 240 of Bldg. T-100 or e-mail them to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). All entries must be submitted before the opening kickoff to the first game **which is Saturday this week**. In the case of a tie, a winner will be decided by who picks the closest combined score of the Monday Night game.

*"I have the same record as the 49ers, 2-11! Didn't Deb Corder say she'd have multiple wins by now? Oh well, at least she has one win. Where you at Captain McGee?"*

*-Ron Trembath*



This is the last issue of the *Crossroads* for 2005. Players can send picks for Week 16 and 17 to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil) before kick-off each week. Winners for weeks 15-17 will be announced in the Jan. 6 issue of the *Crossroads*. Please keep in mind that during the holiday season, some games are played earlier in the week. For an up-to-date listing, visit <http://sports.yahoo.com/nfl/>. For information on what games will air here at Lajes, visit <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/> and select Sports Schedules. Be certain to change the time to the local time.



### Week 15

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tampa Bay Buccaneers vs. New England Patriots | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kansas City Chiefs vs. NY Giants              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Denver Broncos vs. Buffalo Bills              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Francisco 49ers vs. Jacksonville Jaguars  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego Chargers vs. Indianapolis Colts     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NY Jets vs. Miami Dolphins                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carolina Panthers vs. New Orleans Saints      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seattle Seahawks vs. Tennessee Titans         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Minnesota Vikings     | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Arizona Cardinals vs. Houston Texans          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cleveland Browns vs. Oakland Raiders          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati Bengals vs. Detroit Lions          | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dallas Cowboys vs. Washington Redskins        | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atlanta Falcons vs. Chicago Bears             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green Bay Packers vs. Baltimore Ravens        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Total Points for Monday's Game: \_\_\_\_\_

### Week 16

Atlanta Falcons vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Tennessee Titans vs. Miami Dolphins  
 San Francisco 49ers vs. St. Louis Rams  
 San Diego Chargers vs. Kansas City Chiefs  
 Pittsburgh Steelers vs. Cleveland Browns  
 NY Giants vs. Washington Redskins  
 Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Houston Texans  
 Detroit Lions vs. New Orleans Saints  
 Dallas Cowboys vs. Carolina Panthers  
 Buffalo Bills vs. Cincinnati Bengals  
 Philadelphia Eagles vs. Arizona Cardinals  
 Oakland Raiders vs. Denver Broncos  
 Indianapolis Colts vs. Seattle Seahawks  
 Chicago Bears vs. Green Bay Packers  
 Minnesota Vikings vs. Baltimore Ravens  
 New England Patriots vs. NY Jets

Total Points for Monday's Game: \_\_\_\_\_

### Week 17

Denver Broncos vs. San Diego Chargers  
 NY Giants vs. Oakland Raiders  
 New Orleans Saints vs. Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Miami Dolphins vs. New England Patriots  
 Detroit Lions vs. Pittsburgh Steelers  
 Cincinnati Bengals vs. Kansas City Chiefs  
 Chicago Bears vs. Minnesota Vikings  
 Carolina Panthers vs. Atlanta Falcons  
 Buffalo Bills vs. NY Jets  
 Baltimore Ravens vs. Cleveland Browns  
 Arizona Cardinals vs. Indianapolis Colts  
 Tennessee Titans vs. Jacksonville Jaguars  
 Houston Texans vs. San Francisco 49ers  
 Washington Redskins vs. Philadelphia Eagles  
 Seattle Seahawks vs. Green Bay Packers  
 St. Louis Rams vs. Dallas Cowboys

Total Points for Rams vs. Cowboys game: \_\_\_\_\_



# PLANNER

## Holiday operating hours for base facilities

### Commissary

Dec. 24 - Closes at 4 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Closed  
Dec. 31 - Closes at 6 p.m.  
Jan. 1 - Closed  
Regular hours of operation are Monday - Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. (Friday's the commissary closes at 7:30 p.m.)

### Top of the Rock Club

Dec. 24 - Saturday  
Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon; lounge open from 4 to 8 p.m. for *Bits & Bites Menu Available*  
Dec. 25 - closed  
Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve celebration, Dinner Buffet in

Main Dining Room  
from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.;  
Lounge Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Ballroom from 7:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.  
Jan. 1 - Closed

### Fitness Center

Dec. 25 - Noon to 5 p.m.  
Dec. 26 - 8 a.m. to midnight

Jan 1. - Noon to 5 p.m.

### Ocean View Grill

Dec. 24 - Closes at 4 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Closed  
Dec. 31 - Closes at 4 p.m.  
Jan. 1 - Closed

### Community Center

Dec. 24 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Closed

Dec. 26 - Community Center closed, Sun & Sand Hut open 6 to 10 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Jan. 1 Noon to 5 p.m.  
Jan. 2 - Community Center closed, Sun & Sand Hut open 6 to 10 p.m.

### Bowling Alley

Dec. 24 - Open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - Open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - Open from 4 to 8 p.m. for Project CHEER  
Jan. 1 - Closed

### Shoppette:

Dec. 24 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### BX

Dec. 24 and 31 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### Burger King

Dec. 24 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Dec. 31 - 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

### Military Clothing Sales

Dec. 24 - closed  
**Car Care Center**  
Dec. 24 and 31 - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Note: All AAFES facilities will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.



## At the Movies



**Today: 7 p.m. In Her Shoes** - Starring Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette  
Maggie is fun-loving and irresponsible. Her older sister Rose is a high-powered lawyer who watches Maggie's wild life with disdain. When an attempt to live together fails miserably, they go off in different directions to find the missing pieces in their lives.

Rated PG-13, 130 min.

### 10 p.m. Elizabethtown

Starring Orlando Bloom, Kirsten Dunst  
After causing the Oregon shoe company he works for to lose hundreds of millions of dollars, Drew is fired for his mistake, and promptly also dumped by his girlfriend, Ellen. On the verge of suicide, Drew is oddly given a new purpose in life when he is brought back to his family's small Kentucky hometown of Elizabethtown following the death of his father, Mitch, as it falls to him to make sure that his dying wishes are fulfilled. On the way home, Drew meets a flight attendant, Claire, with whom he falls in love, in a romance that helps his life get back on track.

Rated PG-13, 123 min.

### Saturday: 7 p.m. The Gospel

Starring Boris Kodjoe, Idris Elba  
A young singer turns his back on God and his father's church when tragedy strikes. He returns years later to find the once powerful congregation in disarray. With his childhood nemesis creating a "new vision" for the church, he is forced to deal with family turmoil, career suicide, and relationship issues that send him on a collision course with

redemption or destruction.

Rated PG, 105 min.

Sunday: 2 p.m. - **Elizabethtown**

Sunday: 7 p.m. - **In Her Shoes**

Wednesday - 7 p.m. - **The Gospel**

Thursday - 7 p.m. **In Her Shoes**

Dec. 23 - **7 p.m. Doom** - starring Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Karl Urban  
Something has gone wrong at a remote scientific research station on Mars. All research has ceased. Communication has failed. A legion of nightmarish creatures of unknown origin lurks behind every wall and stalks the countless rooms and tunnels of the facility, killing what few people remain. Sealing off the portal to Earth, Sarge, Reaper and their team must use every weapon at their disposal - and some they find along the way - to carry out their orders: nothing gets out alive. Rated R, 100 min.

**10 p.m. North Country** - starring Charlize Theron, Frances McDormand  
True story centered on Lori Jensen, who took a job at a Minnesota iron mine in 1975. She and other female miners endured harassment from male co-workers, ranging from verbal taunts to pornographic graffiti and worse. Jensen eventually filed suit in 1984 and won a landmark legal decision. Rated R, 123 min

Dec. 24 - **The Polar Express**, 4 p.m.; **Surviving Christmas**, 6 p.m.  
Dec. 25 - 7 p.m. Merry Movie Magic presents **Wallace & Gromit: Curse of the Were Rabbit** for Project CHEER.

Wallace and Gromit are cashing in with their humane pest-control outfit, "Anti-Pesto." With only days to go before the

annual Giant Vegetable Competition, business is booming, but Wallace &

Gromit are finding out that running a "humane" pest control outfit has its drawbacks as their West Wallaby Street home fills to the brim with captive rabbits. Suddenly, a huge, mysterious, veg-ravaging "beast" begins attacking the town's sacred vegetable plots at night, and the competition hostess, Lady Tottington, commissions Anti-Pesto to catch it and save the day. Rated G, 94 min.

Dec. 28 - **Doom**, 7 p.m.

Dec. 29 - **The Fog**, 7 p.m.

Dec. 30 - 7 p.m., **The Dreamer** starring Kurt Russell, Dakota Fanning

Inspired by a true story, Ben was once a great horseman, whose gifts as a trainer were now being wasted on making other men's fortunes. Sonya was a great horse whose promising future on the racetrack was suddenly cut short by a career-ending broken leg. Considered as good as dead to her owner, who also happens to be Ben's boss, Sonya is given to Ben as severance pay, along with his walking papers. Now, it will take the unwavering faith and determination of Ben's young daughter, Cale, to bring these two damaged souls together in a quest for a seemingly impossible goal: to win the Breeders' Cup Classic. Rated PG 98 min.

**The Weather Man**, 10 p.m.

Dec. 31 - **Prime** 7 p.m.

Jan. 4 - **Prime**, 7 p.m.

Jan. 5 - **The Dreamer**, 7 p.m.

*Movies subject to change. For updated information, call 535-3302.*





# EVENTS

Submission deadline is Thursday one week prior to publication. E-mail announcements in normal text with event, location, date, time, point of contact's full name and phone number/e-mail address to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). For on-base numbers, dial 295-57 and the last four digits.

## Local events

### Live Nativity Scenes:

This year the town of Porto Judeu will display a live nativity scene, which can be visited in the towns' multi-purpose pavilion at the following days and times:

Today, Saturday, Dec. 23, 30 and Jan. 7, from 8-10 p.m.; Sunday, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, 8, from 3-5 p.m. and 8-10 p.m.

The town of Lajes will host a live nativity scene during the holiday season. The live nativity scene is located in the building behind the town's main church. There will be a small admission fee. The prices are: Adults- 1.50 euros, children under 12 - 1 euro.

The following are the visiting dates and hours:

Dec. 23 - 8:30-11 p.m.; Dec. 25 - 4-6:30 p.m. and 8-11 p.m.; Dec. 26, 28, 29, 30 - 8:30 - 11 p.m.; Jan. 1 - 4-6:30 p.m. and 8-11 p.m.; and Jan. 6, 7 and 8 - 8:30- 11 p.m.

## Project Wizard

**Story hour:** The base library offers story time every Friday at 3 p.m., for children 7 and younger.

## Combat Fitness

**Fitness center hours:** 5 a.m. to midnight Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekends and holidays. For details, call 2-5151.

**Aerobic, Taekwondo Classes:** Both classes are now held at the Youth Center Gymnasium, building T-240.

## Combat Education

**University of Maryland University College:** UMUC registration for on-site Term 3 classes is Dec. 27 to Jan. 13. For details, call Ray or Holly at 535-4187.

**Oklahoma University classes:** The Masters of Human Relations degree program with University of Okla-

homa is a 36 credit hour, non-thesis degree that can be completed within 16-24 months.

The next course being offered is HR 5172-221, "Seminar in Applied Interpersonal Dynamics," an elective course towards the Master of Human Relations degree. The course dates are Feb. 28 - Mar. 5. The last day to add/drop will be Jan. 30. For details, call Jaclyn Kemp at 535-3171.

### Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:

Embry-Riddle is currently holding registration for undergraduate and graduate distance learning courses that start in January.

For details, contact Terra Schellig at 535-3375.

**AFAS Grant:** Lajes High School seniors are eligible for \$1,500 per year from Air Force Aid Society if they are a dependent of an Air Force sponsor. For details, log onto [http://www.afas.org/education/body\\_grant.cfm](http://www.afas.org/education/body_grant.cfm).

## Jobs/Volunteer

**Secretary position:** The 65th Air Base Wing secretary (Office Automation) position is open. The position is advertised as a GS-0318-06/07. It includes administrative and secretarial duties to the wing commander and staff. All Command Sponsored U.S. citizens residing here are eligible to apply. For details, call the Civilian Personnel Flight at 535-6329.

**Volunteers to teach first aid:** The American Red Cross is in need of volunteers to teach first aid to children in grades K-5 next year at Lajes Elementary School. For more information, call the American Red Cross Office at 295-57-3516.

**Services vacancies:** The 65th Services Squadron vacancy listing is available at the Human Resources Office in Bldg. T-112 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. For details, call 295-575-200 or 535-5200.

**Music teacher:** DoDDS Middle/High School is looking for a music teacher with experience in the music field in band and chorus. For more

information, call Lori McCoy at 535-4151.

**Base Tax Advisor:** Position is available through the contracting office. The period of performance goes from Jan. 17 to June 2. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. David Roux at 535-6855.

**OU Temp site manager:** The University of Oklahoma is seeking applicants for a temporary site manager. This position will be for Feb. 13 to May 31, 2006. Training will begin on Feb. 1. Requirements include a bachelor's degree and related experience. Deadline to resubmit applications is Dec. 23, 2005. Interviews will be conducted the first week of January. To apply submit a cover letter and resume to the OU office, or e-mail them to [aplajes@ou.edu](mailto:aplajes@ou.edu).

## Combat Touch

**Protestant Children's Christmas Cantata:** Sunday 9 a.m. and noon (no Sunday school); **Catholic Penance Service:** Monday, 7 p.m. at the base chapel; **Protestant Candlelight Service:** Dec. 24, 7 p.m. at the base chapel; **Christmas Eve Mass:** Dec. 24, 11:30 p.m. at the base chapel; **Christmas Day Mass:** Dec. 25, 10:30 a.m. at the base chapel (no CCD); **Combined Protestant Service:** Dec. 25, noon at the base chapel (no Sunday school); **Protestant Watch Night Service:** Dec. 31, 10:30 p.m. at the base chapel; **Catholic Holy Day Mass (Solemnity of Mary):** Jan. 1, 10:30 a.m. **Protestant Unity Combined Service:** Jan. 1, 9 a.m. (no Sunday school).

For information on chapel events, call 535-4211.

## Miscellaneous

**Kids bowling league:** The bowling center will be forming a kids bowling league. A clinic will be on Jan. 8 and leagues start Jan. 15. Sign up at the bowling center. For more information, call Jamie Barnes at 535-1362 or Joe Guest at 535-4289.

## Combat Care

**FSC Open Holidays:** The Family Support Center is now open on American Holidays with limited services from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 535-4138.

## Project CHEER

**New Creation Café:** 5 p.m. today at Eddie's Place  
**USAFE X-Box Challenge,** 6 p.m. Saturday at the community center.

**Football Frenzy:** 5 p.m. Sunday and Jan. 2 at the Top of the Rock Club

**Karaoke:** 8 p.m. Dec. 22, 29 and Jan. 5 at the TORC

**SUM Tour:** 9:30 a.m. Dec. 23 at the family support center

**Free Bowling:** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 25 at Hillside Lanes

**Merry Movie Magic:** 7 p.m. Dec. 25 at the Crossroads Theater featuring "Wallace & Grommit"

**Cosmic Bowling:** Dec. 31 at Hillside Lanes, 4 to 8 p.m.

## Classifieds

Submit ads via e-mail to [news@lajes.af.mil](mailto:news@lajes.af.mil). Ads are due by 5 p.m. Friday. Please remember to notify the Crossroads when items have been sold.

Free to good home: 5 mo old island female puppy. White with tan markings. Medium sized. Needs room to play. Being housebroken, has shots, microchip. Comes with kennels and supplies. Very sweet/smart girl. 295-549-264 or 965078907

WANTED: Second hand Elliptical trainer. Call Claudia Santos at 535-6417.

**NANNY-HOUSE KEEPING-BABYSITTING**  
Diana is an excellent nanny and is now available. She can read, write, and speak English fluently. She is warm, honest, reliable, flexible, and most importantly, bonded with my son immediately. She has experience working for families on and off base with references. For details, contact me at [jenkephardtavis@yahoo.com](mailto:jenkephardtavis@yahoo.com) or call Diana directly at 963516249.

Moving sale: Brand new lg. Addisid gym /travel bag, brand new suitcase, down sleeping bag/mat, cordless phones, microwave oven, blowdryer, and new Epson 777i series ink cartridges. 295-515-742

Lost: 2 keys with car remote, on base or Beira Mar housing. If found please call Lesa 295-549-560

Nanny Available: Honest, reliable, and respectful nanny available in the new year. First language English, also speaks Portuguese. Experienced, with excellent references. E-mail [ashleytaylor@2die4.com](mailto:ashleytaylor@2die4.com) or call (416) 354-2630 (Canada)